



# The Ellington Connection Summer 2016



**Lori Spielman, First Selectman**

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**W**elcome to summer, everyone. The fields are tilled, the refreshing smell of manure is in the air (!) and the Farmers Market has started up at Arbor Park. Business continues to run smoothly here at the Town Hall and I greatly appreciate all of the help, advice and support that the department heads and all of our employees have given me. I am passionate about this job and I am hoping it shows.

The new firehouse off of Pinney Street at 6 Nutmeg Drive, Station 243, was refitted in record time due to the many, many hours put in by the dedicated volunteers that make up the Ellington Volunteer Fire Department. There was an open house and dedication for the new firehouse on April 30th, which was well attended.

Another bright spot for Ellington is the Crystal Lake School addition which is nearing completion and coming in under budget. Kudos to the Permanent Building Committee for their diligence in making sure the project went along smoothly and within the budget.

I myself have been very busy working with the Board of Selectman, the Finance Department, the Board of Finance and all of the department heads as we fine tune our budget. It is a challenging process and I thank everyone for the many, many hours they put in to turn out a fair budget.

The crumbling foundation issue has been a major concern for many homeowners throughout our area and I have been going into the State Capitol to keep on top of the issue. We held an open forum on April 30<sup>th</sup>

at the high school so that people could ask questions and vent their frustrations. We continue to update this issue on the Town website.

Looking forward, in June we will be installing 2 state-of-the-art vehicle electric charging stations next to the Town Hall. The project is being funded by a State grant. The nearest vehicle charging stations are in Enfield and it seems wise to go ahead and put these in place. Along with the vehicle charging stations will be maps of the center of Town enabling people to visit local businesses, go to the post office and attend the Farmer's Market during the summer season all within walking distance.

This summer edition of the Ellington Connection will be the last time you see this newsletter format. We will be changing to a magazine format with the fall edition. Hopefully everyone is pleased with the new publication. Watch for the *Ellington Events* magazine and let us know what you think.

Check out the Town website at [Ellington-ct.gov](http://Ellington-ct.gov) and find us on Ellington Facebook at [facebook.com/townofellington](https://facebook.com/townofellington) for timely updates of Town news, events and summer activities happening in Town.

Have a wonderful summer folks. Feel free to visit my office anytime.

*Lori Spielman*  
*First Selectman*



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## The Ellington Connection

### Diane McKeegan, Town Clerk

(860) 870-3105 email: [townclerk@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:townclerk@ellington-ct.gov)

### June is Dog Licensing Month!

#### 2016 Registration Guidelines

For your convenience – use our on-line dog registration @ Ellington-ct.gov; Select Town Clerk; Dog Licenses. Your tags will be mailed to you at no extra cost.



Registration by mail is also accepted. Please follow the instructions below.

Connecticut State Law requires any dog age 6 months or older be registered with the office of the Town Clerk.

2016 Licenses must be purchased between June 1 and June 30. All 2015 Licenses expire on June 30, 2016.

- A rabies vaccination certificate must be submitted to the Town Clerk at the time of registration.
- Spaying or neutering certificates must be presented unless already on file in the Town Clerks Office.

Cash or checks only accepted for payment by mail or in person.

#### Fee Schedule - Male or Female Dogs

Neutered or Spayed	\$ 8
Not Neutered or Spayed (unaltered)	\$19

After June 30, a late fee of \$1.00 per month is due along with your license fee at the time of registration.

If you would like to register your dog through the mail you **must include a self-addressed stamped envelope** for the tag(s) and license(s) to be returned to you.

Mail to:  
Town Clerk, Town of Ellington  
PO Box 187  
Ellington, CT 06029

## PLAY BALL

The Pinney Athletic Fields located on Pinney Street are in full use! An Opening Ceremony was held on Saturday, April 30. Much appreciation to the members of the Ad Hoc Planning Committee for the Pinney Street Town-owned Property and our Public Works and Parks and Recreation Departments for their efforts in getting these fields read for action!

### Registrars of Voters

(860) 870-3107

Democrat Registrar: [sluginbuhl@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:sluginbuhl@ellington-ct.gov)

Republican Registrar: [wdeland@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:wdeland@ellington-ct.gov)

**It's easy and  
convenient!**

The Town of Ellington Registrars remind residents to register to vote before the November election.

**Check your Voter Status:** Use the State of CT online Voter Registration Lookup Tool at [sots.ct.gov](http://sots.ct.gov).

**Register to Vote Online:** Register to vote or change your voter information or affiliation on line at [sots.ct.gov](http://sots.ct.gov).

**Register to Vote in Person or By Mail:** To register to vote in Ellington or change your voting information (i.e. address, name or party affiliation), pick up a voter registration card at the Registrars' office, Hall Memorial Library or the Town Clerk's Office.

You may also get an application online at the Secretary of the State's website at [sots.ct.gov](http://sots.ct.gov).

*Return the completed card to:*

Registrar of Voters

P.O. Box 187

Ellington CT 06029

### Kim Bechard, Assessor

(860) 870-3109 email: [kbechard@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:kbechard@ellington-ct.gov)

**Real Estate** The 2015 Revaluation has been completed, and all Ellington property owners have received their new property values. These values will be reflected on the July 2016 tax bills. Please visit the Vision Appraisal website at [www.vgsi.com](http://www.vgsi.com) to view your property information.

**Motor Vehicles** Due to the well-publicized problems regarding the new computer system at the Department of Motor Vehicles, we advise all residents to check their tax bills carefully for missing vehicles owned **on or before October 1, 2015**. Contact our office with any questions concerning this issue. If you have disposed of a vehicle, refer to the website for required proof of the disposal of a vehicle.

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### Wall of Honor Nominee Applications due by July 1, 2016

The Wall of Honor, located in Arbor Park, serves as a tribute to deserving citizens for exceptional contributions to the Town of Ellington, as noted in the Ellington Wall of Honor Policy. If you wish to nominate a candidate for this honor, please visit our website at [ellington-ct.gov](http://ellington-ct.gov) for a copy of the policy and the application or contact the First Selectman's Office at (860) 870-3100.

Deadline for submission is July 1, 2016. Please note that if you submitted an application in 2013, 2014 or 2015 and it was not selected, it will be included in the pool of candidates for 2016. Should a recipient be selected, his or her name will be engraved on the Wall of Honor and unveiled at a public ceremony in Arbor Park on September 10, 2016 at 4:00 pm prior to the Fire Department Parade.

**Anna L. Turner, MSW**  
**Elderly Outreach Social Worker**  
**(860) 870-3131 email: [aturner@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:aturner@ellington-ct.gov)**

### Renter's Rebate Program

The Human Services office will be taking Renter's Rebate applications from April 1 through **September 30, 2016** (due to Town offices not open on Saturdays). The Renter's Rebate program is through the State of CT Office of Policy and Management and eligibility is based on the following guidelines: 2015 income guidelines: [\$35,200 for single person and \$42,900 for a couple]; Connecticut residency in 2015; applicant receiving Social Security benefits in 2015; applicant age 65 or older, or receiving Social Security disability benefits in 2015. To schedule an appointment and learn about the documents required for this application please call the Human Services office at 860-870-3128 or Anna Turner 860-870-3131.



### TRIAD Senior Safety Program "Motorcycle Safety" Ice Cream Social

Join us on **Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:30 pm** for the TRIAD Senior Safety Program. This year's annual event will have motorcycles on display and will feature a presentation by Ellington's TSI Harley-Davidson and the Resident Troopers office. Please RSVP your attendance by calling the Senior Center at 860-870-3133.

**Sergeant Brian Santa**  
**Ellington Resident State Troopers' Supervisor**  
**(860) 875-1522 email: [bsanta@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:bsanta@ellington-ct.gov)**

### Meet Ellington's New Sergeant!

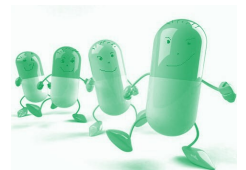
Sgt. Brian Santa has been appointed as the new Resident State Troopers' Supervisor for the Town of Ellington, effective March 28, 2016. Sgt. Santa has served as a Connecticut State Trooper for 10 years with prior assignments at Troop C (Tolland Barracks), Traffic Services Unit Collision Analysis and Reconstruction Squad (C.A.R.S) and Troop H (Hartford Barracks). Prior to joining the State Police, Sgt. Santa served as an Active Duty Infantry Officer in the Army's 10th Mountain Division (LI) and was deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom IV (2003-2004). He is a graduate of the University of Connecticut (BA) and UConn's Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC). Welcome to Ellington, Sgt. Santa!

### Medication Drop Box coming to the Resident State Troopers' Office by June 1, 2016

Ellington will soon have a medication drop box. The box will be secured in the lobby of the Resident State Troopers' Office, 33 Arbor Way, and will be accessible any time the department is open. No questions asked; just drop the unwanted medications in and they will be safely and securely destroyed.

#### What **can** be discarded in the Medication Drop-Box?

- Over-the-counter medications
- Prescription medications
- Medication samples
- Medication for household pets
- Medication lotions or ointments



#### What **cannot** be discarded in the Medication Drop-Box?

- Needles or other "sharps"
- Hazardous waste
- Thermometers
- Personal care products (shampoo)



If you have any questions, contact the Resident State Troopers' Office at (860) 870-3154.

## The Ellington Connection

Timothy Webb, Public Works Director/WPCA Administrator

(860) 870-3140

email: [twebb@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:twebb@ellington-ct.gov)

### Recycling! It's good for Ellington!



#### Ellington Implements Textile Recycling Program

There is a white box located at 21 Main Street at the Public Works Complex for donations of textiles. It is open Monday through Friday from 6:30 am-3:30 pm (Same hours as the Public Works Shed; Note summer hours). Some interesting facts regarding textile recycling - 2 million tons of textiles are recycled each year in the US. The average US citizens throws away 70 lbs. of clothing each year. Visit the Public Works Department web page for a list of acceptable items.

#### Household Recyclables

Do you know what can be recycled from within your household trash? Many families put forth a great effort to recycle as much as possible. The Department of Public Works (DPW) monitors the community's household trash disposal and the overall impact that the cost of disposing it has on our taxes. Do you know that many new items are now allowed to be recycled? Please take a moment and scan through the list below to see what you can now recycle with your bi-weekly collection.

#### Items to Recycle

- cans
- glass containers
- plastic containers up to 3 gallons in size
- food grade containers #1-7
- newspapers, junk mail, catalogs, magazines
- home computer paper
- telephone and hard cover books
- corrugated cardboard, boxboard, cereal boxes, shoe boxes, shirt cardboard, toilet paper and paper towel cardboard rolls [pizza boxes not accepted]
- milk and juice boxes up to one gallon in size
- foil trays
- plastic toys
- laundry baskets
- large plastic storage containers

If you have any questions regarding recycling or would like another container, please call the Department of Public Works at (860) 870-3140.

### Department of Public Works (DPW)

Invites you to attend an

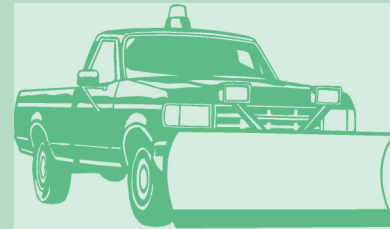
#### OPEN HOUSE!

Thursday, May 26, 2016

from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

21 Main Street, DPW Facility

Residents are encouraged to stop by and tour the DPW facility, meet the staff, view the equipment that is used to care for the Town properties and enjoy a hot dog with the crew!



### Hoffman Road Brush Drop Off Area

**Proof of residency is required.**

**Items accepted:** leaves, brush, firewood, tree trunks

**Items not accepted:** Construction materials, grass clippings, tree stumps. Harvest New England on Sadds Mill Road will accept stumps (860) 827-1490.

#### Hours of Operation May and June

*Closed May 28*

Saturday	9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday and Thursday	1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

#### July, August and September

*Closed July 2 and September 3*

Saturday	9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
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### Need a Bulky Waste Pick-up?

For information regarding acceptable items and to schedule a pick-up, call All American Waste four days prior to your regular trash collection day at

**(860) 289-7850**



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**Timothy Webb, Public Works Director/WPCA Administrator**

(860) 870-3140

email: [twebb@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:twebb@ellington-ct.gov)

### Department of Public Works Summer Hours Schedule

The DPW will work a summer hours schedule from May 30 through September 30, 2016 as follows:

Monday through Thursday 6:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
Friday 6:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Please note that the Town Garage Shed will close at 12 noon. on Fridays while summer hours are in effect.

### Your Town Garage Accepts the Following Items

The following items may be brought to the  
Town Garage Shed

21 Main Street (Proof of residency is required)

Monday through Friday, year-round

**ONLY between the hours of 6:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.\***

\*Closed Fridays at 12:30 p.m. from  
May 27 through September 30, 2016

1st and 3rd Saturday 9:00 am - 12:00 noon

**Do not leave items when the Town Garage is not open!**

cell phones	waste oil and antifreeze
all batteries	propane tanks - 5 lbs. & 20 lbs.
televisions/electronics	computer components
small appliances	fluorescent light bulbs

### Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)

**Mid North East Recycling Operating Committee  
(MidNEROC)**

**Household Chemical Waste Drop-off Facility**  
located at **57 Hancock Road, Willington, CT**

**MidNEROC Hours of Operation:**  
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

on the first and third Saturday of the month from

**April 16 to November 5**  
*(Closed July 2 and September 3)*

For questions regarding acceptable materials, visit the Town  
website at [ellington-ct.gov](http://ellington-ct.gov) or call the DPW at

(860) 870-3140 or MidNEROC at (860) 684-3163.

### Revision to Roadwork Schedule

There has been a revision to the road work schedule in that work on Blueberry Circle and Raspberry Lane will be delayed until the spring of 2017 due to the Connecticut Water Company work schedule for those roads.



### Let's Keep Ellington Beautiful!

The community of Ellington has long been known by many as a very scenic community from the beautiful flatlands that encompass the farming history to the rolling hills that offer spectacular vistas of the valley. The Department of Public Works maintains the many parks and school fields throughout the Town, and in doing so has seen a large increase in the amount of litter left behind by the users of the facilities.

The Public Works Department would like to extend a thank you to the many users of our facilities that pick up after themselves and assist in keeping Ellington looking beautiful. At the same time, we would like to express to the other users to please assist all of us who do collect and dispose of litter within our parks and play areas by properly disposing of your litter.

### A Message From the Tree Warden

The Public Works Director, who is also the Tree Warden, would like to remind residents that they should not cut trees that touch wires or are in the Town right of way. Trees in the wires are the responsibility of CL&P. Trees in the Town right-of-way are the responsibility of the Town.



Please keep a safe work environment when cutting any trees or brush on your property.

## The Ellington Connection

**Diane Lasher-Penti, Youth Services Director**

(860) 870-3130

email: [youthservices@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:youthservices@ellington-ct.gov)

website: [youth.ellington-ct.gov](http://youth.ellington-ct.gov)

Ellington Youth Services has a wonderful summer planned for Ellington youth and parents. Check out our website for more details and to register. Be sure to check out our Facebook page, too!

Website  
[youth@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:youth@ellington-ct.gov)

Facebook  
[facebook.com/EllingtonYouthServ/](https://facebook.com/EllingtonYouthServ/)

## Summer 2016 Programs

Program	Age Group/Incoming Grade
Safety Town, Ready Set Kindergarten & 1-2-3 I am Me	Incoming Kindergarteners
Finding the Leader in Me & Nature Center	5th & 6th Grade
1-2-3 I am Me	Kindergarten through 3rd Grade
Self-Defense Classes	College Students
Journal Me Art	2nd & 3rd Grade and 7th & 8th Grade
7th Grade Summer Zone	Incoming 7th Grade
Parent Seminar: Staying Home Alone, Riding in a Car and Using Social Media Safely	Parents of 4th through 6th Graders
Discover Art	Preschool through 4th Graders
Place to Be	7th through 12th Graders
Anxiety Series	3rd through 6th Grade
In the Loop Knitting Group	Ages 8 through Adult
Parents Supporting Parents with Children with Special Needs	Parents



**Spread Kindness throughout Ellington!**

To get involved, check out our website at  
[decidetobekind.com](http://decidetobekind.com)

## The Ellington Connection

**Erin Graziani, Senior Center Director**

(860) 870-3133 email: [egraziani@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:egraziani@ellington-ct.gov) website: [seniorcenter.ellington-ct.gov](http://seniorcenter.ellington-ct.gov)  
40 Maple Street, P.O. Box 187, Ellington, CT 06029

Below is a listing of some of the special events planned for this Summer. For a listing of all 30+ regularly scheduled weekly and monthly programs, or current trips that being are offered, please stop into the Senior Center, visit our website, or see our monthly newsletter, "The Maple Street Monthly".

Programs	Date/Time	Description	Fee
Broadway Entertainer, Susan King "And All That Jazz"	Thursday May 12 1:30 pm	Susan's style is a unique blend of Jazz Standards, Cabaret and Broadway Tunes. Ticket includes show and light refreshments.	Tickets in Advance: Residents: \$6 Non-Residents: \$7
AARP Smart Driver Class	May 19, 9am-1pm July 27, 9am-1pm August 25, 11:30am-3:30pm	Pre-registration is required. Cash or check made payable to AARP is due at class. Remember to bring your AARP card.	AARP Member: \$15 Non-Member: \$20
Live Well: Diabetes Self-Management Program	Thursdays May 26-June 30 1:00-3:30 pm	This 6 week workshop is sponsored by the CT Dept. of Public Health, CT Community Care, Inc. and State Dept. on Aging. Pre-registration is required.	free
Rita's African Show	Friday June 10 11:00 am	Rita's show takes you through the fashions and dances of Africa without having to take a plane. Audience participation is encouraged.	Tickets in Advance: Residents: \$5 Non-Residents: \$6
An Afternoon of Memories & Creative Writing	Wednesday June 15 1:30 pm	Come listen as local residents and published authors share their stories, memoires, poems, songs and more.	free
"One Man Band" Dance & Pizza Party	Monday June 27 3-6 pm	From 3-5pm dance to a variety of music with Joe Campisi and enjoy a slice or two of pizza afterwards. Note: Additional fee for tickets purchased after 6/23 due to pizza order.	Tickets in Advance: Residents: \$7 Non-Residents: \$8 After 6/23 add \$1
Ashly Cruz International Cabaret Show	Wednesday July 13 1:30 pm	Ashly is sure to razzle and dazzle with her sparkling voice and personality. This is a show not to miss!	Tickets in Advance: Residents: \$5 Non-Residents: \$6
Summer Cookout & Concert with Entertainer, Paul Shlien	Monday, July 25 4:00-6:30 pm	Paul entertains on the piano with songs and music to dance to or just to sit and enjoy, including Elvis, Roy Orbison, Frankie Valley & more! Ticket includes cookout.	Tickets in Advance: Residents: \$7 Non-Residents: \$8
Summer Cookout & Concert with the Elderly Brothers	Monday August 29 5:00-7:00 pm	Brian Gillie and Tom "T-Bone" Stankus put on an energy filled show with that "old time rock and roll"! Ticket includes cookout.	Tickets in Advance: Residents: \$7 Non-Residents: \$8

### Transportation Services

Transportation is available to Ellington residents for medical, social and nutritional programs by calling the Transportation Line Monday - Friday, 9:00 am-12:00 pm  
At (860) 870-3137

### Maple Street Kitchen and Community Renewal Team Lunches

Meals are served Mondays-Thursdays at noon. Sign up is required before noon the previous day. Call, stop in, or visit our website for full details on each of these programs.



## The Ellington Connection

### Summer Library Hours

Monday-Thursday	10 am - 8 pm
Friday	10 am - 5 pm
Saturday	10 am - 1 pm
Sunday*	1 pm - 5 pm

\*Hours through May, then closed on Sunday until October.

### Book Cellar Hours

Monday	6:30 pm - 8 pm
Thursday	2:30 - 4:30 pm
Saturday	10 am - 12 pm
Sunday	2 pm - 4 pm

**Passport Acceptance Facility:** HML has been designated by the U.S. Department of State as a U.S. Passport Application Acceptance facility. Beginning in July, those seeking to apply for a new U.S. passport or to renew an existing one will be able to bring the appropriate paperwork and documents to the Library for confirmation and submittal of their applications. Assistance in obtaining the application forms and notary services are also available. Call the Library Director at 860-870-3160 to make an appointment. Appointments are recommended.

**Museum Pass Program:** It is Friday afternoon and you suddenly realize that you have nothing on your schedule for the weekend. Why not check out one of our free Museum Passes? Just go to our website and click on Museum Passes on the right side of the screen, and choose your destination by attraction or date. We loan passes for 18 New England attractions. Some provide a generous discount on ticket prices, while others allow free admission for a family of four. Most of these passes can be downloaded from your computer and printed right at home; however the CT State Parks pass, the Mystic Aquarium Pass and the Connecticut Science Center Discount Coupons (when available) must be picked up at the Library. You'll also want to be here on Tuesday, June 7 at 6:30pm to learn more about all the fun things to do and see while "Stay-cationing" in Connecticut this summer!

**Susan Phillips, Director, Hall Memorial Library (HML)**

(860) 870-3160

email: [hallmlib@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:hallmlib@ellington-ct.gov)

**Reserves, ILLS and Interlibrary Delivery:** Many of you take advantage of the materials reservation and request services available through the Library's online catalog and the State's interlibrary loan system. Through these services, you are able to reserve (or place a hold) items that HML owns but that are currently checked out, and also to request items that HML does not own. Keep in mind, if you find an item that is in the Library and you put a hold on it, the list that tells us that is generated once per day, first thing in the morning. So if you find something later in the day that you need right away, it is better to call and we will have it ready for you. A critical piece of the interlibrary loan system is the delivery service that brings those things from library to library. This service is run by the CT State Library and is currently undergoing a massive reorganization. Therefore, the delivery time for items requested from other libraries is now significantly longer. Book discussion organizers please take note! We will do our best to secure the items you want, but we cannot control the delivery service. This delivery service also returns the items you have borrowed from other libraries and return to HML. If you are concerned about the time lag in returns, you may want to consider returning these items to the library where you borrowed them.

**BOOK DISCUSSION SERIES:** The Library's book discussion program will continue this summer, third Wednesday at 7:00pm, with Harper Lee's classic *To Kill a Mockingbird*, the new title *"Go Set a Watchman"* and Grisham's *"A Time to Kill"*. Copies of the books will be available.

**Sumer Fun for Teens!** There will be lots of fun for teens at the HML this summer. Reading, programs and prizes will rule! There will be cookie-decorating and salsa-making and, if you're feeling crafty, you won't want to miss our beaded pen class! Learn how to make a gorgeous pen nice enough to gift away. There will be different craft projects set out in the teen department throughout the summer so make sure you stop in. And if you're in grades 7-12, be sure check out the summer reading program. You'll have the chance to win a variety of prizes this summer when you check out books or come to one of the programs we've got planned. See YA (Young Adult) around!

**Summer Gaming:** We are considering running a summer gaming program for various age groups. This could be anything from online games to card games, video games to Scrabble, traditional board games, strategy games, or even a little fantasy role-playing- we are open to any and all ideas, we just need to know where your interests lie and when you want to play.

**SUMMER GAMING:** Please fill out this form and drop it by the Library or send us an email at [hallmlib@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:hallmlib@ellington-ct.gov) so we can make plans!

I would like to play:  
\_\_\_ online or video games  
\_\_\_ card games  
\_\_\_ Scrabble  
\_\_\_ board games  
\_\_\_ role-playing games

I am available to play:  
\_\_\_ weekday mornings (10am-12pm)  
\_\_\_ weekday early afternoons (12pm-3pm)  
\_\_\_ weekday late afternoons (2pm-5pm)  
\_\_\_ weekday evenings (5pm-8pm)  
\_\_\_ other \_\_\_\_\_



## The Ellington Connection

### Summer Events

Event	Date	Time
Alfred Strong: Connecticut Staycation Vacations	Tuesday June 7	6:30 pm
Coffeehouse: Willie & Jan Band*	Friday June 10	7:00 pm
Bob Backlund: From All-American Boy to Professional Wrestling's World Champion	Tuesday June 21	6:30 pm
Veronica Craig: Folk Dancing	Tuesday July 12	6:30 pm
Gherardo Mauri: Fencing	Tuesday July 26	6:30 pm
Joel Waldron: Tai Chi	Tuesday August 9	6:30 pm
Kim Newman: Chair Yoga	Tuesday August 23	6:30 pm
<b>*Program has limited seating, so register early!</b>		

### Let's go to the Movies at Hall Memorial Library

Joy	May 11 May 12	6:30 pm 1:00 pm
Learning to Drive	May 18 May 19	6:30 pm 1:00pm
Rock the Kasbah	May 25 May 26	6:30 pm 1:00 pm
Creed	June 1 June 2	6:30 pm 1:00 pm
Race	June 8 June 9	6:30 pm 1:00 pm
Hail Caesar!	June 15 June 16	6:30 pm 1:00 pm
45 Years	June 22 June 23	1:00 pm 6:30 pm
Eddie the Eagle (tentative)	June 29 June 30	6:30 pm 1:00 pm
Whiskey Tango Foxtrot (tentative)	July 6 July 7	6:30 pm 1:00 pm

Movies will be shown weekly, (usually) on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm and Thursday afternoons at 1:00 pm. Please check the Library's website [library.ellington-ct.gov](http://library.ellington-ct.gov) or call (860) 870-3160 for future film announcements and schedule changes. All movies will begin promptly at their scheduled times.

### Call for Volunteers - Summer and Ongoing!

The Children's Department is the place to be this summer if you would like to do some volunteer work! Please fill out a Volunteer Application at the Children's Circulation Desk, and include your special talents; we will find something for you to do this summer!

Additionally, we are hoping to create a roster of volunteers

we can call upon year-round as needed. If you are interested in becoming a part of this initiative, fill out a Volunteer Application at the front desk and mark it to the attention of the Reference Librarian. Please be sure to include any special interests or skills you have and we will do our best to find fun and meaningful work for you to do.

*All Library volunteers must be 13 years of age or older.*

### Pat Grundman, Children's Librarian

(860) 870-3160 email: [grundman@biblio.org](mailto:grundman@biblio.org)

Are you ready??? Then get set!! This summer your public Library has an active, energetic, movin' and groovin' program planned to help you keep light on your feet and get really "pumped up"! During the months of July and August there will be magic shows, movies, music performances, arts & crafts, animals of all kinds, and of course, lots and lots of books to read!! You're going to love it! With the 2016 Summer Olympics taking place this August in Brazil, the Hall Memorial Library will be trying to keep pace, by keeping the kids of Ellington in tip-top shape with the **"On Your Mark, Get Set, READ!"** summer reading program. There will be something for everyone! More details will be available in early June. Keep an eye on the Library's web site at [library.ellington-ct.gov](http://library.ellington-ct.gov) or come by the Children's Department and pick up a summer event calendar.

**We look forward to seeing you this summer!**

### Allen's Angels Therapy Dogs

Allen's Angels Therapy Dogs will continue to visit the Library during the summer on Saturdays 10:30-11:30 am. Upcoming dates are: May 14, June 4 and 18, July 9 and 23, and August 6 and 20. If you are between the ages of 5-12 and would like to read to these trained, book-loving dogs, register online and bring a familiar book with you to read.



### Nutmeg Nominees Unveiling!

New Nutmeg Award Nominees are on the way!! Early in May the new list of Nutmeg Nominees will be unveiled. HML will have copies of each one for your enjoyment. These books have been chosen because of the wonderful stories they offer. There are 15 new titles for children in grades 2-3, and 10 new titles for children in 4<sup>th</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> grades. Children in Connecticut are encouraged to read these books and next April, they will vote on the title that they enjoyed most. That title will win the Nutmeg Award for 2017.

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Scott V. Nicol, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools  
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### Co-Creation at Ellington High School

**C**o-creation is the ongoing exploration of creativity across converging worlds. For our purpose, “worlds” refers to the various diverse experiences and perspectives available right here at Ellington High School.

On a recent visit to another school district, I was exposed to several of Connecticut’s finest high school student leaders who had applied to Yale University. Predictably, some of these students were accepted and others were not. As I learned of the student leaders’ application experiences, a common thread became clear. Those students who were able to demonstrate a mindset and communicate experiences that understood the value in co-creating with people from all walks of life were admitted into one of the most prestige universities of the world. Yet, those students who held a more narrow view of society derived from relatively isolated experiences were not admitted even though they possessed impressive academic credentials.

To be fair, I do understand the admission’s criteria for any post-secondary institution should not be reduced to one factor. Yet, these student leaders’ experiences did get me thinking about the essence of co-creation.

Diversity by definition is open ended; it is unlimited and multi-faceted. It is not limited to ethnicity or another demographically driven term. Diversity is the essence of co-creation. It is the ability to minimize the judgment of others. It is recognizing that when in service to others, one is actually in service to self. Co-creation is alive at Ellington High School and staying true to its form has expanded beyond its walls.

Ellington High School Senior Sapna Raghavan co-creates with others. Sapna represented Connecticut as Miss Connecticut’s Outstanding Teen 2015 at the national level for the Miss America’s Outstanding Teen 2015. Sapna has served as an ambassador for the Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals by organizing various fundraisers. She has worked with CT Rhythms Music Troop to raise money for charities such as the American Cancer Society, St. Michael’s School for the Handicapped, and the

Anbalayam School for the Mentally Challenged.

Sapna has embraced her cultural identity and shared it with Ellington. She is the founder of Ellington Youth Services’ Cultural Diversity Club and organized a cultural night event held on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Being a gifted dancer who has performed at the world renowned Cleveland Festival, Sapna recently visited Center, Windermere, and Crystal Lake Schools to share her love of dancing through Bollywood style artistry.

This fall, Sapna will attend Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute as part of its six year Business Management Bachelor of Science/Juris Doctor program. All citizens are invited to the Ellington Board of Education’s June 8<sup>th</sup> meeting where Sapna will share her co-creation experiences.

There is a special synergy when adults co-create with students. EHS adult volunteer Robert Williams was recently recognized by the Connecticut Association of Schools (CAS) as the Distinguished Friend of Education. For the past decade, Mr. Williams has been in service to others as the Technical Director of the Opening Knight Players (OKP), Ellington High Schools’ Drama Club. On average Mr. Williams volunteers 15 hours per week and close to 40 hours during show times.

Mr. Williams’ service to others has supported OKP in co-creating several productions with advisor Mr. Bill Prenetta and students. OKP produced the play *Anarchy*, *A Charlie Brown Christmas*, *The Silent Sentinels* and *30 X 60* (30 plays in 60 minutes written and directed by students). OKP will put on *You’re a Good Man Charlie Brown* on May 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>.

Students have remarked that Mr. Williams teaches integrity, cooperation and patience. It is when judgment of others ceases that artful co-creation may be fully expressed. Well done, Mr. Williams!

Recently, Mr. Williams, along with EMS volunteer Mr. Bruce Warkentin, were honored at the April 27<sup>th</sup> Board of Education meeting with the Board’s annual Ellington Friends of Education Awards.

Ellington High School, for the third time, was named as one of 425 school districts in the United States and Canada to the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Advanced Placement (AP)

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Honor Roll by the College Board. This honor indicates that EHS has increased access to Advanced Placement coursework while simultaneously maintaining or increasing the percentage of students earning scores 3, 4 and 5 on AP exams. No longer are Advanced Placement courses reserved for a small handful of students.

EHS has expanded its clubs and activities by adding Cycling Club, Math Club, Free Spirit Alliance Club, Unified Theater, and Hands Creating Hope - a community service to others activity. Longstanding clubs such as Future Business Leaders of America, Student Council, Mock Trial Team, and Cooking Club among many others still remain.

The EHS Unified Leadership Committee (ULC) is a group of ten students who organize the annual U-Knighted Week held in February which begins with a school-wide kick off assembly and culminates with a pep rally. The objective is to develop honorable individuals who are respectful, responsible, confident, and ethical by promoting acceptance among the student body through the use of self-reflection, open-mindedness and integrity.

The ULC strives to create EHS as a prejudice-free zone by promoting the student developed U-Knighted Pledge that includes the statement, "I will make a conscious effort to be aware of my own biases against the people whom are different from me." Members of the ULC include Eric Amundarain, Ryan Browne, Ashley Cioto, Danielle Markowski, Erin Meaney, Eric Nordmark, Olivia Palmer, Randy Philavong, Brian Pho and Erin Wardrop.

The representatives of the ULC will present their experiences to the Ellington Board of Education at its May 25<sup>th</sup> meeting. Nikola Tesla once stated, "Let the future tell the truth, and evaluate each one according to his work and accomplishments. The present is theirs; the future, for which I have really worked, is mine."

Yes, the essence of co-creation lives at Ellington High School. It is where the future is present.

*Dr. Scott V. Nicol*

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**@SuperNicol**

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**Where Children Come First**

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Receive only the notifications that are of interest to you!

### Board of Finance Recommended Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget

For more information and details of the proposed 2016-2017 budget, visit the Town website at [ellington-ct.gov](http://ellington-ct.gov)

or pick up a copy of the budget table document at the Town Clerk's Office or at Hall Memorial Library.



**Joseph A. Palombizio**  
**Emergency Management Director**  
[jpalombizio@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:jpalombizio@ellington-ct.gov) (860) 870-3182

### Ellington Residents! Want to know when there is an Emergency in Town that may affect you?

Get emergency alerts and optional community alerts by signing up for the Town of Ellington's Emergency and Community Alerts program. This provides a means for Town officials to notify you by phone, email, SMS TXT and/or TTY/TDD, as selected by you. Town officials will be able to notify you directly of emergencies, with requirements or recommendations for residents and property owners; this can be used for Town-wide or localized emergencies. Powered by Everbridge, this system broadcasts messages at exceptionally high speed, going through your contact paths until it gets feedback that someone at your end has acknowledged receipt of the message. Ellington relies on you to supply the necessary information. If you don't enroll, you will not receive alerts. Go to the website at [Ellington-ct.gov](http://Ellington-ct.gov) to enroll (search Everbridge).

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### Robert Tedford, Director, Parks and Recreation Department

Phone: (860) 870-3118 Fax: (860) 870-3198

Address: 31 Arbor Way, P.O. Box 187

Email: [recreationstaff@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:recreationstaff@ellington-ct.gov)

### Office Hours:

Monday 8:30 am -6:00 pm  
Tuesday-Thursday 8:30 am-4:00 pm  
Friday 8:30 am-1:30 pm

### Registration Process

The Parks and Recreation Department uses the Active-net Online Program for registration for all recreational programs/camps. The process for online registration is easy and involves these simple steps:

- Go to [parkrec.ellington-ct.gov](http://parkrec.ellington-ct.gov)
- Click on "Register Online"
- Select "click here" for Active-net Online Registration!
- Select "create an account" or "sign in" if you have an account to register for programs.

*(Remember to add family members to your account).*

If you don't have access to a computer, assistance in setting up an account is available at the Recreation Office during regular office hours. In-office online registration allows you to pay by cash, check or charge with no convenience fee being applied to your credit card. Note: there is a convenience fee applied to your credit card when registering from home.

Find us at [facebook.com/ellingtonparkandrec](https://facebook.com/ellingtonparkandrec)

**facebook**

**Please refer to the website for the following Summer Programs:**

**[parkrec.ellington-ct.gov](http://parkrec.ellington-ct.gov)**

- *Swim Lesson Course Descriptions*
- *Summer Day Camp Daily Activities Schedule*
- *Skyhawk's Sport Camps*
- *UK International Soccer Camps*
- *Day Trips and much more!!*

**Excellence in Baseball is our Goal!**  
**Come play with the best!**

#### Cressotti Baseball School

and the Recreation Department present

Summer Baseball for ages 7-12 years old

Dates: July 18, 19, 20, 21, 22

9:00 am -12:00 pm at Brookside Park

Cost: \$105 Code: CRESS.BBALL6

Bring your own glove, bat, snack and water bottle daily.



#### Tee Ball Fundamental Clinic for ages 4-6 years old

Dates: July 18, 19, 20, 21, 22

9:00 am - 10:15 am at Brookside Park

Cost: \$55 Code: CRESS.TEBAL6

Bring your own glove and water bottle.

Email: [cressottibaseball@cox.net](mailto:cressottibaseball@cox.net)

### AED / FIRST AID / CPR



**Register on the Adult Programs page at [parkrec.ellington-ct.gov](http://parkrec.ellington-ct.gov) under CPR & FA; Click on "Register Here: Location: 31 Arbor Way No Fee**

Allison Breen & Kristen Wasielewski

The Recreation Department has two certified AED/First Aid/CPR Instructors on staff. New classes have been scheduled that will allow all Ellington coaches, athletic officials, program instructors, and staff of Ellington Recreation sponsored sports and activities to get certified. **Please understand that each coach is required to complete this training.** Only six coaches are allowed per class.. You are required to stay the entire time in order to receive your certification.

Monday	May 16	5:00 -10:00 pm
Tuesday	June 28	5:00 -10:00 pm
Wednesday	August 10	5:00 -10:00 pm
Thursday	September 8	5:00-10:00 pm

### Crystal Lake Sprint Triathlon Sunday, July 24, 2016 (Rain date July 31)



The 2016 Triathlon will be limited to 220 participants.

Sign up online through the Triathlon website at

**[ellingtontriathlon.com](http://ellingtontriathlon.com)** or through our website **[parkrec.ellington-ct.gov](http://parkrec.ellington-ct.gov)**

\$70 per participant.

Our team is looking for volunteers; please send an email to **[ellingtontriathlon@gmail.com](mailto:ellingtontriathlon@gmail.com)** with your contact information. All profits from the race will be donated to local charities in Ellington. Come out for a great event!

- ♦ Swim ¼ mile in Crystal Lake
- ♦ Bike 12 miles through Ellington & Stafford
- ♦ Run 3.2 miles around Crystal Lake area



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**Swimming Lesson Schedule** (10 maximum/class)  
**Swim Lesson Fees: 2 week sessions**  
**40 minute class: \$40    30 minute class: \$35**



<b>Session One</b> June 20 - June 30 Classes held Monday - Thursday  <b>No Class on Fridays</b>  	Time	Level	Level
	9:00 - 9:40 am	5	6
	9:50 -10:30 am	3	4
	10:40 -11:20 am	1	2
	11:30 am-12:00 pm	Pre School Age 4/5	Pre School Age 4/5
	3:30 - 4:00 pm	1	
	4:15 - 4:45 pm	2	
	5:00 - 5:30 pm	3	
	Time	Level	Level
<b>Session Two</b> July 5, 6, 7, 8 (Tues-Fri) July 11, 12, 13, 14 Classes held <b>No classes July 4th</b>  	9:00 - 9:40 am	5	6
	9:50 -10:30 am	3	4
	10:40 -11:20 am	1	2
	11:30 am -12:00 pm	Adult/Child Age 3	Pre school Age 4/5
	3:30 - 4:00 pm	1	
	4:15 - 4:45 pm	2	
	5:00 - 5:30 pm	3	
	Time	Level	Level
<b>Session Three</b> July 18 - July 28 Classes held Monday-Thursday <b>No Class on Fridays</b>  	9:00 - 9:40 am	5	6
	9:50 -10:30 am	3	4
	10:40 -11:20 am	1	2
	11:30 am -12:00 pm	Adult/Child Age 3	Pre school Age 4/5
	3:30 - 4:00 pm	1	
	4:15 - 4:45 pm	2	
	5:00 - 5:30 pm	3	

### Swim Class Registration

Registrations are currently being accepted at the Recreation Office or you may also register online through the website at [parkrec.ellington-ct.gov](http://parkrec.ellington-ct.gov).

Classes are filled on a first come, first serve basis with a maximum of 10 students per class. Levels 1-6 are not determined by age. Complete level descriptions are listed on website. A parent is required to participate with each child in the Adult/Child Aquatics Level 1 program. We need a minimum of 5 to run a swim lesson level. If we do not meet the minimum we may cancel that level or move your child to another level at a different time frame. Adults and/or Special needs individuals interested in classes please contact Mary Bartley, Assistant Director of Recreation (860) 870-3118.

### Crystal Lake Sandy Beach 2016 Pre-Season:

[weather & staff permitting]

**Weekends only: June 4, 5, 11, 12**  
 12 noon-5:00 pm

**Full Season:** June 18 - August 21  
 Weekdays: 12 noon-6:30 pm  
 Weekends: 11:00 am-6:30 pm



### Scholarship Programs

If a need arises, please make a confidential inquiry to the Recreation Director at [rtedford@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:rtedford@ellington-ct.gov).





### ADA

The Town does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in provision of programs and services. If you or a family member need special assistance, please make us aware of your needs at the time of registration.

**Beach Passes will be on sale to  
 Ellington Residents Only Beginning May 20, 2016**  
 \$45 per Family/\$25 Individual/\$10 Senior Citizens  
 Passes may be purchased online through the Activenet system or at the Parks and Recreation office.

**Residents Daily Fee:** \$5 Adult 18 & up/ \$3 Child 6-17 years/; Children under 5 are free/\$1 Senior Citizens  
**Non-Resident Daily Fees:**  
 \$10 Adult 18 & up/\$5 Child 6-17 years/Children under 5 are free; 1.00 Senior Citizens

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Program	ID Code	Dates	Times	Age/Grades	Fee	Location
<b>Program Note: Grade is based on the 2016-2017 school year</b>						
<b>High School Girls Summer Soccer League</b>	3001.HSG16	Informal league schedule in addition to a limited pre-season (mid-June). Matches: 3rd week of June through 1st week of August	Evenings: Dates to be determined	Designed for girls entering grades 9-12	\$35	Brookside Park
<b>Co-ed Men's and Women's Volleyball</b>	3002.CEV16	Beginning June 8, 2016	Wednesdays 6:00-8:00 pm	Adults 	No Fee	Brookside Park
<b>Youth Volleyball</b>	0120.YVB16	Beginning June 9, 2016	Thursdays 6:00-8:00 pm	Grades 5-8	No Fee	Brookside Park
<b>Adult Informal Outdoor Basketball</b>	3003.AIB16	June 2016 check website	Mondays 5 - 8:00 pm	Adult	No Fee	Brookside Park
<b>Lacrosse Camp Boys &amp; Girls</b>	2016.LAX14K2 2016.LAX1434 2016.LAX1456 2016.LAX1478	July 18, 19, 20	5:30 -7 pm  Grades 3-8 5 - 7 pm	Grades K-2 Grades 3-4 Grades 5-6 Grades 7-8	K-2 \$25  Grades 3-8 \$35	Ellington High School
<b>Jukido</b> Instructor: Paul Ward	SUMER.JUK16	Session 5: June 9, 16, 23, 30 Session 6: July 7, 14, 21, 28 Session 7: Aug 7, 14, 21, 28	5:30 -6:45 pm	Ages 6 and up	\$24 per session or \$6 per class walk-in	Vernon Community Bldg 375 Hartford Turnpike
<b>UK International Soccer Camp</b>	UKSC.62024  UKSC.81519	June 20 - June 24  August 15 -August 19	4:30 -5:30 pm 6:00 -7:30 pm 4:30 -7:30 pm	Ages: 3-4 5-6 7-14	\$ 60 \$ 80 \$109	Brookside Park
<b>Youth Basketball Clinics</b>	YBBC.GD14J YBBC.GD58J	June 15, 22, 29; July 6, 13	5:30 -6:30 pm	Grades 1-4 Grades 5-8	\$20 \$20	Brookside Park
<b>Basketball Camp</b>	2016.BBG36 2016.BBG78  2016.BBG912	July 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 (snack/drink provided)  July 25, 26, 27, 28, 29	8:00 -11:00 am 11:30 am-2:30 pm  9:00am-12noon	Grades 3-6 Grades 7-8  Grades 9-12	\$90 \$90  \$90	Middle School 
	NO CODE	Now through June Tuesdays & Thursdays Ellington Senior Center July & August location TBA	7:30 -8:30 pm	Ages 16 years and up	\$8 class/ or punch card \$40	Ellington Senior Center (June)

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Program	ID Code	Dates	Times	Ages 1st day of session	Fee	Location
<b>Tiny Tot Tennis Lessons</b>	TINY.TTT21 TINY.TTT12 TINY.TTT26	Session A : June 21, 23, 28, 30 Session B : July 12, 14, 19, 21 Session C: July 26, 28; August 2, 4	5:30-6:00 pm	4-6 years	\$40 per session	Brookside Park
<b>Pee Wee Tennis Lessons</b>	PEE.PWE21 PEE.PWE12 PEE.PWE26	Session A : June 21, 23, 28, 30 Session B : July 12, 14, 19, 21 Session C: July 26, 28; August 2, 4	6:00-6:45 pm	7-9 years	\$40 per session	Brookside Park
<b>Youth Beginner Tennis Lessons</b>	YUTH.TEN2 YUTH.TEN1 YUTH.TEN7	Session A : June 21, 23, 28, 30 Session B : July 12, 14, 19, 21 Session C: July 26, 28; August 2, 4	6:45-7:45 pm	10-16 years	\$40 per session	Brookside Park
<b>Adult Beginner Tennis Lessons</b>	ADTT.B16	Session B16: June 28; July 5, 12, 19	6:00-7:00 pm	Adult	\$35 per session	Schwartz Park 37 Maple St
<b>Adult Cardio Tennis</b>	ACTN.CJ16	Session CJ16: June 28; July 5, 12, 19	7:00-8:00 pm	Adult	\$35 per session	Schwartz Park 37 Maple St

### USTA Junior Team Tennis ~ June 27- August 14, 2016

Teams in three age groups (18U, 14U, and 10U) work on a higher level of development and play and compete against teams from Western Massachusetts in official USTA leagues. All teams end the season with a weekend tournament at Amherst College. 18U and 14U tournaments are August 13-14. The dates for the 10U tournament will be announced once determined.

*18U and 14U teams also have the opportunity to take part in an optional trip to Cape Cod the weekend of July 30 and 31, 2016 for fun, sun, and tennis on the Cape. (Parents are also encouraged to attend) Additional charges are associated with this trip.*

- **18 and Under Team (18U):** Must be 18 or younger as of September 1, 2016. Practice is twice a week throughout season, typically midday (Tuesday and Thursday 11:00 – 12:30\*) with 1-2 weeknight matches per week.
- **14 and Under Team (14U):** Must be 14 or younger as of September 1, 2016. Practice is twice a week throughout season, typically midday (Tuesday and Thursday 12:30 – 2:00\*) with 1-2 weeknight matches per week.
- **10 and Under Team (10U):** Must be 10 or younger as of September 1, 2016. Practice is tentatively one late afternoon/early evening per week with 1 weeknight match per week against fellow Ellington teams and 2-3 play nights over the course of the summer in other communities.

Sign-ups solely for Ellington residents will be conducted June 17th. From June 18th to June 26th, sign-ups are open to all area players.

If you have any questions contact

Jim Maitland (860) 462-3627

\*subject to confirmation based on player availability

Team	Membership Status	Fee
U18 and U14 Ellington Resident	Current USTA Member New USTA Membership	\$130 \$150
U18 and U14 Non Resident	Current USTA Member New USTA Membership	\$140 \$160
U10 Resident and Non Resident	Current USTA Member New USTA Membership	\$90 \$100

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**Summer Concert Series at Arbor Park:** Due to the generosity of Ellington businesses and family patronage, our Summer Concert Series at Arbor Park will continue this year. The concerts will be staged at Arbor Park. The Parks & Recreation Department is still accepting donations to fund and sponsor this series of concerts. Donations will be accepted at the concert events. Concerts postponed due to inclement weather will be rescheduled based on the availability of the musical group.

<b>Kenn Morr Band</b> June 19 6:00 - 7:30 pm	Singer/songwriter <i>Kenn Morr</i> is celebrating the release of his 9th album "Afterimage". Kenn's music has been played over 40 radio stations in the U.S. and Europe. Bob Dylan's brand of acoustic rock is referenced by Kenn's low persuasive tones and traces of John Mellencamp are recognizable in the songs heartfelt quality and accessibility. The lyrics address universal themes such as love, fear, cautiousness and curiosity and speak to everyone.
<b>Off the Clock</b> June 26 6:00 - 7:30 pm	Rob Thomas and <i>Off the Clock</i> bring their band of acoustic rock with rich vocal harmonies back for the 8th straight year. Come out and sing along to the sounds of the 60's, 70's and beyond. The group has built a large repertoire of classics from artists such as CSN, The Eagles, James Taylor, Neil Young, the Beatles, Steve Miller, The WHO, Incubus, Stone Temple Pilots, U2 and Pearl Jam. The band has been playing since 2000, including private parties, clubs and theaters throughout CT and Western Mass. Visit their website at <a href="http://offtheclockband.com">offtheclockband.com</a> .
<b>Cover 2 Cover</b> July 10 6:00 - 7:30 pm	<i>Cover 2 Cover</i> is one of CT's most recognized bands playing all the hits from 60's, 70's, 80's and more. You will hear the sounds of Chicago, Van Morrison, Elvis, Elton John, Billy Joel, the Beatles...and more. <i>Cover 2 Cover</i> is one of Connecticut's most enjoyable bands for all ages and has been entertaining throughout CT and MA, as well as being a perennial favorite on Block Island!
<b>DriveTime Band</b> <b>Mike Yost</b> July 17 6:00 - 7:30 pm	DriveTime is the CT party band!!! We perform an entertaining mix of classic rock, soul, funk and upbeat blues for your dancing pleasure. Sometimes a bit of magic happens when the right musicians find their way onto a stage together. The DriveTime Party Band is comprised of seasoned pros, entertainers who share their love of making music with audiences who know immediately that something very special is happening onstage. Michael Yost, bandleader, who grew up in Ellington is an accomplished musician!

### 2016 Day Trip



This trip is being offered in Mansfield, Ashford, Coventry, Ellington, Tolland and Willington. Please register where you live at your local Recreation Department. The pick-up location for all those registering will be the commuter lot off I-84, Exit 68 in Tolland. Return times are approximate. No alcohol or glass items allowed on bus. For more information visit our website at [parkrec.ellington-ct.gov](http://parkrec.ellington-ct.gov) or call the Parks and Recreation Department at (860) 870-3118.

Trip	Code	Dates	Time	Location	Fee
Boston Red Sox Game vs Seattle Mariners	REDSOX.TRIP619	Sunday June 19	Depart: 10:15 am Return: 2 hours after game ends	Commuter Lot off I-84 Exit 68 Tolland	\$99
Plymouth Whale Watch Plymouth, MA	PLYM.WHALE729	Friday July 29	Depart : 6:00 a.m. Return: 3:30 p.m.	Commuter Lot off I-84 Exit 68 Tolland	<b>Ages</b> \$85 13+ \$75 4 -12 \$38 per person for up to age 3

**Daytime Pickleball!** Individuals interested in participating in a morning game of Pickleball should contact the Recreation office: [recreationstaff@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:recreationstaff@ellington-ct.gov). The department has offered a Fall and Spring (indoor) program and now, as the weather conditions improve, the outdoor program appears to have a significant interest!! Ideally, the program would be offered between 9:00 -11:30 am; days of the week to be determined by interest.



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### 2016 SUMMER CAMP

**Ellington's Ultimate Summer Camp Extravaganza!**

**Ages 4-12 (Must be 4 years old as of 12/31/15)**

**Campers must be potty-trained (Strictly Enforced)**

Registration has begun online and in the office. Full-Day

Campers need to bring lunch and a water bottle. Snacks will be provided.

*Note: A reduction of \$10 per week (full-day/full week camper) for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> children in the same household.*

Program	Hours	Fees
Full Day	8:30 am- 2:30 pm	\$85 per child/week (\$17/day)
Half Day Mornings	8:30 am - 12:00 pm	\$45 per child/week (\$9/day)
Half Day Afternoons	12:00 pm - 3:30 pm	\$45 per child/week (\$9/day)
Before Camp	7:30 am - 8:30 am	\$15 per child/week (\$3/day)
After Camp	2:30 pm - 4:30 pm	\$35 per child/week (\$7/day)

Location: Windermere School  
2 Abbott Road, Ellington, CT  
Campers bring bagged lunch each day!!



Week 1: June 20-24

Week 2: June 27-July 1

Week 3: No camp July 4th  
July 5-8

Week 4: July 11-15

Week 5: July 18-22

Week 6: July 25-29

Week 7: August 1-5

Week 8: August 8-12

Week 9: August 15-19

**Camp Informational Night**

Monday, June 6, 2016  
6:00-7:00 pm  
Ellington Recreation Department  
31 Arbor Way



#### Daily Activity Schedule

•7:30 am - 9:00 am Free Play

•9:00 am-12:30 pm Groups divided,  
Crafts ,Outdoor & Indoor Activities,  
Free Play (weather permitting)

•12:30 pm-1:00 pm Lunch

•1-3 pm All Outdoor & Indoor  
Activities (weather permitting)

•3-4:30 pm Free Play

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•Partial weeks are pro-rated

•Campers should bring a water bottle daily.

•Snacks will be provided.

•Campers are to come dressed appropriately; no flip flops!

•Friday Pizza Parties for lunch!!  
Additional fee per week TBD

•Epi-Pen/Meds need to have a doctor's note and must be submitted on the first day of camp.



#### Let's Gogh Art Summer Fun!

**June 27-July 1**

Art Ventures with Pigasso and Mootisse

**July 18-July 22**

Weird Faces & Places Art

Time: 9:00 am-12:00 pm

Location: Ellington Middle School

Ages: 5-12      Fee: \$130.00

Campers use an amazing variety of art materials, textures and techniques while experimenting with clay, paints, ceramic and fabric art, wood, oil pastels, stenciling, collage, decoupage and more! Bring an over-sized old t-shirt to wear as a smock, a nut-free snack and a drink each day.

Go to the website for further details at [parkrec@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:parkrec@ellington-ct.gov).  
[GoghArtWestMA.com](http://GoghArtWestMA.com).



#### Introduction to Sailing at Crystal Lake

•An Introduction to Sailing program will be offered for those ages 10 to 18 years old. An instructor and up to 3 participants will sail an Oday 15' from Sandy Beach for approximately one hour. Basic instruction in boat safety and handling will be provided. Fee: \$10 per session: Limit 1 session per person. Code: SAIL.LAKE16 - *Instructor: Walt Moody will contact those registered with the dates and times.*



#### Middle School Summer Vacation Day Camp

This program is designed for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who are scheduled to complete their school requirements as of June, 2016. This program will be two days a week and would be held at the Old Crystal Lake Schoolhouse (across the street from Sandy Beach). Limited registration (15 per session). Daily activities at the Schoolhouse and at Sandy Beach will be the highlights! A weekly day trip may be arranged, depending on interest. The program starts the week of July 11, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12 noon-4:00 pm. Fee: \$20.00 per day. For more information, please send an email inquiry to: [recreationstaff@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:recreationstaff@ellington-ct.gov)

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### Outdoor Golf Lessons & Camps

Ellington Golf Center,  
125 West Road  
Fee: \$65/session

Instructor:  
Jeff Wadsworth  
Email:  
[jwadsworth50@comcast.net](mailto:jwadsworth50@comcast.net)



Session Youth 4 : May 31, June 7, 14, 21  
Session Youth 6 : June 28, July 5, 12, 19  
Session Youth 8: July 26, August 2, 9, 16

GOLF.YOUTH 4  
GOLF.YOUTH 6  
GOLF.YOUTH 8

6:00-7:00 pm

ages 6 - 9

Session Teen 4: May 31, June 7, 14, 21  
Session Teen 6: June 28, July 5, 12, 19  
Session Teen 8: July 26, Aug. 2, 9, 16

GOLF.TEEN 4  
GOLF.TEEN 6  
GOLF.TEEN 8

7:00-8:00 pm

ages 10 - 13

Session ADULT 5: June 2, 9, 16, 23

GOLF.ADULT 5

6:00-7:00 pm

Adult Co-Ed

Session ADULT 7: June 30, July 7, 14, 21

GOLF.ADULT 7

6:00 -7:00 pm

Adult Co-Ed

Session ADULT 9: August 6, 13, 20, 27

GOLF.ADULT 9

6:00 -7:00 pm

Adult Co-Ed

### 2016 In-House and Instructional Soccer Registration Deadline is August 28

**All registrations received after August 28, 2016 will be based on available roster space.**

Players selected to a travel team (COMP) do not have to participate on a recreation/travel team. There will be 3 divisions available: D-3, 4 and 5 (D-5 is the recreation/travel level). All players in U11-14 will be placed on either a D-3, 4, or 5 team. If a child does not attend a minimum of 2 evaluations, he/she will be assigned to a D-5 team unless an opening exists at a higher level.

| Grade Levels                                                                                                  | ID Code     | Start Date                                    | Times            | Location              |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Recreation Fall Instructional Soccer    Fee: \$32.00</b>                                                   |             |                                               |                  |                       |
| 3 & 4 years old boys & girls                                                                                  | 91034.1031  | September 10                                  | 11:00 - 11:45 am | Brookside Park        |
| Kindergarten boys & girls                                                                                     | 910K.1031   | September 10                                  | 11:00 - 12:00 pm | Brookside Park        |
| 1st grade boys & girls                                                                                        | 9101.1031   | September 10                                  | 10:00 - 11:00 am | Brookside Park        |
| 2nd grade boys & girls                                                                                        | 9102.1031   | September 10                                  | 9:00 - 10:00 am  | Brookside Park        |
| <b>Recreational Fall Soccer - Fees: \$30 for 1st child / \$48 for 2nd child / \$63 for 3 or more children</b> |             |                                               |                  |                       |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> grade boys                                                                  | 91034.B0YS3 | September 7                                   | 5:00 -6:15 pm    | Brookside Park        |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> grade girls                                                                 | 91034.GIRS3 | September 7                                   | 5:00 -6:15 pm    | Brookside Park        |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> grade boys                                                                  | 9156.B0YS56 | 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> grade girls | 9156.GIRLS56     | <b>No Evaluations</b> |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> grade boys                                                                  | 9178.B0YS78 | 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> grade girls | 9178.GIRLS78     | <b>No Evaluations</b> |

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Please note, to comply with US Soccer and Connecticut Junior Soccer regulations, the Town of Ellington is required to make some additional changes in the proposed FALL programming:

- 1) Ellington will be switching to a calendar-age team placement rather than an August 1 through July 31 year. This will allow players of the same age to compete together, regardless of grade.
- 2) Ellington will continue to follow the same format for eligibility, please review the evaluation dates/time frames and identify the appropriate sessions that your child would be eligible to attend:
- 3) Example: U8-9-10: together; U11-12: together; U13-14-15: together



Teams will be formed based on the ratings' submitted by the independent evaluators. Adjustments to smaller field sizes (U10 and U12) are still under consideration.

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### Soccer Travel Teams

**Registration begins May 15, 2016.** Deadline for registering for a travel team is based on the evaluation dates that are available. A player **must** attend a minimum of two evaluation clinics in order to be eligible for selection. All evaluations will be held at Brookside Park.

| Age Group/Birth Year                   | Evaluation Clinic Dates          | Time                                          |
|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| U-8, 9, 10 Girls<br>2007, 2008, 2009   | June 1<br>June 4, 11 & 18        | 5:30-6:30 pm<br>9:00-10:00 am                 |
| U 8, 9, 10 Boys<br>2007, 2008, 2009    | June 1<br>June 4 & 11<br>June 14 | 6:00-7:00 pm<br>9:00-10:00 am<br>6:00-7:00 pm |
| U-11, 12 Boys<br>2005, 2006            | June 1<br>June 4 & 11<br>June 14 | 6:00-7:00 pm<br>9:00-10:00 am<br>6:00-7:00 pm |
| U-11, 12 Girls<br>2005, 2006           | June 1<br>June 4, 11 & 18        | 6:30-7:30 pm<br>10:00-11:00 am                |
| U-13, 14, 15 Boys<br>2002, 2003, 2004  | June 1<br>June 4 & 11<br>June 14 | 6:00-7:00 pm<br>9:00-10:00 am<br>6:00-7:00 pm |
| U-13, 14, 15 Girls<br>2002, 2003, 2004 | To Be Determined                 |                                               |

### CJSA Northeast District Roster Travel Team Guidelines

- **To be considered for selection to a travel team, a player must attend a minimum of 2 evaluation clinics.**
- Travel team rosters will be determined by Administration.
- Players selected to a travel team are not required to participate in the recreation division.
- A first-year travel team player must provide a copy of his/her birth certificate and a 1" x 1" photo (for player pass purposes).
- Travel Team Fees **must** be paid in full upon selection to a travel team, and in addition, a **\$25 uniform bond** is required. If the uniform is submitted to the respective coach at the conclusion of the season, the \$25 check will be returned.
- Travel Soccer alignment: In accordance with CJSA age relevant guidelines.
- Effective October 9, 2013 the Parks & Recreation Commission revamped the eligibility guidelines for qualifying for a travel soccer team, effective for Fall 2014.
- All participants must attend age appropriate evaluation sessions and **may no longer** attend an age group higher than his/her CJSA age dictates. *Example: U10 players may not attend a U11-12 evaluation.*



### Boys & Girls Soccer Travel Division Levels Fee: \$75

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| ▪ Division 3, 4, 5                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | U12 and U14 |
| ▪ Division 4, 5                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | U10 and U9  |
| <i>Division 3 High level experience</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |             |
| <i>Division 4 Competitive Level</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |             |
| <i>Division 5 Recreational, yet competitive</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |             |
| <p>The current Parks &amp; Recreation Commission policy holds the following provision: Players that are selected to travel soccer teams for the fall 2016 season in Division 3, 4 or 5 levels, and who register by the defined deadline for spring soccer 2017, are eligible to return to their existing team for spring soccer, provided that particular team is enrolled in the spring 2017 schedule. Players, where eligible, who wish to receive a rating (spring soccer evaluations) in order to move up a division, must attend a minimum of one spring evaluation. Otherwise, to qualify for a fall travel team (at divisional levels of 3 or 4) a player is required to attend a minimum of two evaluation sessions. Players are not allowed to wear jewelry during practices or matches.</p> |             |

### Travel Team Soccer Age Groups for Seasonal Year 2016 Fall to 2017 Spring

| League Age | Year of Birth |
|------------|---------------|
| U-15       | 2002          |
| U-14       | 2003          |
| U-13       | 2004          |
| U-12       | 2005          |
| U-11       | 2006          |
| U-10       | 2007          |
| U-9        | 2008          |
| U-8        | 2009          |

## The Ellington Connection

**Look for the new Ellington newsletter  
"Ellington Events"  
delivered to homes the week of August 21**

We are pleased to announce that beginning with the fall issue, the *Ellington Events* newsletter will replace the Ellington Connection. This issue will be the last of the Ellington Connection. Watch your mailbox the week of August 21st for the first edition of the *Ellington Events*!

### Memorial Day Parades

**Monday, May 30, 2016**

**Crystal Lake: 9:00 am**

At approximately 9:00 am a parade will begin from the Crystal Lake section of Town, where Green Street intersects with Route 140, and end at the Crystal Lake Cemetery where a brief service will be held.



**Ellington Center: 10:30 am**

Services will be held at 10:30 am at the High School. At the conclusion of the program (approximately 11:30 am), a parade will begin from Ellington High School and proceed to the Ellington Green and then to the Ellington Cemetery for brief memorial tributes at each location.

### Town Hall Hours:

**Monday**

8:30 am - 6:00 pm

**Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday**

8:30 am - 4:00 pm

**Friday**

8:30 am - 1:30 pm

### Holiday Schedule

Town Offices will be closed  
on the following dates:

May 30\*                      Memorial Day

July 4\*                      Independence Day

\*There will be a one day delay in trash collection for these holidays.

Check the Library website for closing dates at [library.ellington-ct.gov](http://library.ellington-ct.gov)



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